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I know you're probably chatting with other folks now, but I wanted to clarify, when you say the data is "generally consistent" with the USGS data previously released by EPA, does that mean that the USGS data indicates that fracking fluids likely polluted the aquifer. I just want to be clear on that point.

Thanks,

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Data released by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is generally consistent with ground water monitoring data previously released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Pavillion, Wyoming area. That data was released for public comment and review, and the important feedback received from these steps will help inform the final analysis. Once finalized, the latest EPA data, along with the USGS data, will be submitted to an independent, expert peer review as part of the ongoing scientific process later this year.

#### BACKGROUND

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that we continue to leverage this vital resource safely and responsibly. At the request of Pavillion residents, EPA – in conjunction with the state of Wyoming, the local community, and Encana – began investigating water quality concerns in private drinking water wells three years ago, working to assess ground water quality and identify potential sources of contamination.

It is important to note that the draft findings are specific to Pavillion, where the fracturing is taking place in and below the drinking water aquifer and in close proximity to drinking water wells – production conditions

different from those in many other areas of the country.

---09/26/2012 03:35:08 PM---Just following up, USGS has started releasing its reports on Pavillion, so wanted to see if EPA would

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Just following up, USGS has started releasing its reports on Pavillion, so wanted to see if EPA would comment on that as well?

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Alright, thanks.

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I will get back to you on this.

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Just following up, any guidance on when results from Pavillion should be expected?

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Hi all,

Just checking to see whether results from the latest round of Pavillion water tests would be released today and, if so, when and how will the data be released.

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